



Senate

General Assembly

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File No. 495

Senate Bill No. 1120

Senate, April 15, 2013

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A PARTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2014*):

4 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
5 one calendar year in excess of [five] ten thousand dollars to the state
6 central committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee
7 pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a
8 town committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such
9 committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand
10 dollars to a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
11 committee, or seven hundred fifty dollars to any other political
12 committee other than (1) a political committee formed solely to aid or

13 promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an
14 exploratory committee, (3) a political committee established by an
15 organization, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its
16 authorization or request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate
17 of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace of the
18 same town.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>January 1, 2014</i>	9-612(a)
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which raises the annual limit on contributions that an individual can make to the state central committee of a political party, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1120*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A PARTY.*****SUMMARY:**

The law places limits on contributions made to benefit candidate committees, party committees, and political committees (known as PACs). This bill increases, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, the maximum amount that an individual may contribute to a state central committee during a calendar year. The bill does not affect other limits on contributions by individuals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sSB 1127, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, allows state contractors, prospective state contractors, their principals, and their spouses and dependent children to contribute up to \$1,000 to the town committee of the municipality where they reside.

SB 6632, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, increases the limit on contributions by individuals to town committees.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 3 (03/27/2013)